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News of the Autowill mobile Dress and Other Bresses Prepared for Spring.

Special Correspondence of Intelligencer. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Throughout— Lent-expect-automobile-news.

With the certainty of the Old Farmers' Almanac the calendar of fashion

makes the prediction.

The opening of the season has been signalized during the past week by the appearance of several of the best-

In the Park and on the roads leading to and from the out-of-town headquar-ters of the Automobile Club-to be



A Spring Tailor Dress of Nickel Gray Cloth-Revers Faced With Linen.

formally opened in a few days in the mansion loaned by John Brisben Walker-severe-weather-defying costumes piped with leather and more ornate dresses for fair days, have suddenly become plentiful.

A checked homespun tollet in blue and gray, displayed by a lady who has steered her own gasoline carriage all winter, has attracted attention on its every appearance. Small, close-set but tons fasten its short cont so snugly as to leave no opening at the throat, the better to direct admiration to its bright leather cuffs and collar and the rolls of leather inserted in the seams. Narrow panels of leather appear the front of its skirt, and on these are buckled leather pockets, small and smart and most deliciously absurd in their affectation of practiculity.

Obedient to the fad which demands of every fashionable young matron that her Fidus Achates be an unmarried girl, this lady usually has as com panion a young woman whose tenf" suit is somewhat more conven tional. Of dust-brown coachman's cloth, its skirt and short sack coat are finished with many rows or parrow braid and stitching.

Of a notable elegance is a zinc-gray gloth costume in which Mrs. Edwir Gould has appeared on the seat of he electric dos-a-dos. The skirt of this dress appears to be composed of a great number of extremely narrow breadths, whose effect of sinuous slendernesss is enhanced by clustered rows of stitching that act as folls to the piping of Buede leather that marks the seams The bodice also is elaborately stitched and piped, and is decorated in front with a shield-shaped plastron whose hangs loose below the waist, and cords. Collar and belt are of unbeautiful trimming. Suede leather, and the cravat is of automobile-red silk, with polka dots of a waistcoat of white cloth and a bolblack, these two colors reappearing in ero whose large collar and revers were

I the small , close-fitting turban hat worn by Mrs. Gould.

A new "auto" coat, variations upon which are displayed by several devo-ters of the "teuf-teuf," is long, sack-shaped and made of fine cloth of a pale tobacco shade. The novelty of the gar- in the shadowy green of the cloth were ment lies in the fact that it is guilefully essential to the scheme, which might stitched to deceive the unwary into known chauffeuses in costumes that taking it for an over-skirted coat, one embody the latest features in "mobe" set of threads making deep Vandyke. set of threads making deep Vandyke, points that seem to fall above a shaped flounce, although said flounce consists turned back in white satin revers, on of nothing but a second set of threads

about fashionable shoulders there is a flapping of capes-double, triple, quadfrilled capes, plaited capes, pointed capes, scalloped capes, jagged capes, lace capes, cloth capes, velvet capesall little capes. Even the tailor dress is not free from capes. I have seen a caped riding habit. Every article of at-tire is rumply with capes, like water in tures of plumes and mauve flowers.

tailor dress permits, display, besides pretensions. On toques, large and capes, linen-faced revers not unlike wide, they are reared to Brobdingna those of last summer, and tartan waistthose of last summer, and tartan waist-coats of brilliant-hued velvets, Stitch-large lillies and roses; and an applicaings and strappings continue to be the tion in green satin. The vest was of decorations



That same aftermoon, at the counter of a fashionable stationer's, I took note of the most successful coup detat for outwitting at once the overskirt and the piglied skirt that I have yet seen. This device, expirited by a plump and pleasing matron to whom either an overskirt or a plaited skirt would have been unbecoming, consisted of a deep flounce arranged in plaits which were stitched down for the top third of their length so as to lend credibility to the theory that the heavy black serpentine galloon which headed them was in reality the border of an overskirt. The thickness of the galloon, the stitching of the plaits and, perhaps, something

casily have been commonplace.

The short tailor coat which finished this costume had three small cape collars soged with a narrower galloon and which was trimmed up and down the crowded together in ten or twelve seams and about the hem with bands of the cloth attached with a darker Of course this coat has a cape, for gray, There is a short, pointed, closefitting coat, lined in front with mauve This velvet, which is richly embroidered with white and violet, forms also the collar, revers and the short, added basques, which are a nov-el hip trimming.

To accompany this tollet are a mauve taffeta blouse and cravat and a black

Straw hats, which already are worn, Walking aresses prepared for Lent, are of fearful and wonderful construc-when zociety takes such exercise as the some soft stuff like chiffon, and I noticed a few days ago in the hat a green straw, trimmed with gray

VISITING COSTUME AND EVENING DRESS



Pastel Blue Cloth With Stitched Plaits.

Cream-Colored Lace Over White Silk.

shopping district a demi-season dress, and black ostrich plumes and a bunch worn by one of the richest heiresses in came near enough to simulating bands plaited rolls of tulle that are used with of dollar marks to form a peculiarly them cannot, it appears, be too diswhich is festooned across with black appropriate and, to tell the truth, not

THE LATEST AUTO MOBILE COSTUMES.

America, which had a long sair one just finished for the wire or an inckel gray cloth arranged in a box one just finished for the wire or an applied design the skirt is arranged at the back in a the skirt is arranged at the back in a skirt is arranged at the wings and accordionin green and gray embroidery, which that plait and the wings and accordion

Perhaps the handsomest walking America, which had a long skirt of dress recently made in New York is nickel gray cloth arranged in a box one just finished for the wife of Admirone just finished finished for the wife of Admirone just finished for the wife of Admirone just finished finished

plaited rolls of tulle that are used with appropriate and, to tell the truth, not jointed or floppy. The first hats of unbeautiful trimming.

The bodice arrangement consisted of spring are notoriously ugly and unimportant; simpler and more artistic dea waistecat of white cloth and a batsigns, it is believed, may soon appear.

> the brim with masses of limp rose petals without foliage. Black velvet ribbons come from the back, forming strings. In front is a pink algrette.

> 'A crumpled and crushed toque of ap ple-green straw has a sugar-loaf crown enveloped in green muslin. Two large wing-shaped pieces of straw stand up in front and are covered with muslin It is chiefly on the brim, which is lined with roses, that the distorting weight of a foot or an angry hand seems to have been expended, "squashing" it out of recognition by the strawmakers.
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> A very high-crowned, beige-colored

straw is made higher by mountainous bows of pink and reseda green ribbons. Under the brim are blue muslin bagonias; the brim is edged with pink rib-

At receptions and dinners one begins

entirely covered with tucked white to see already the protty and delicate spring eilles, which are as yet the best things the season promises. Bright and yet soft in color, many of them are woven with ribbon borders, which supply the most effective trimmines.

Woolen fabrics for spring wear are to be rough chevious and smooth-faced cloths. Light and dainty colors are al ready in cyldence, among them a new blue, more charming than the tones, several new shades of mauvi

and the inevitable light grays. A visiting dress which will be taken south for wear in March is of a soft blue lady's cloth and has a peculiarity in graceful trained skirt, which is laid all around in stitched folds. The bolero jacket, which is cut with a cape, is trimmed with elaborate applique em broidery in white silk and cloth.

Many of the high-necked evening dresses for small Lenten receptions are of black crepe de Chine, embroidered with an application of white lace, which in its turn is ruched with black tulle A good many white muslin dresses are being made with accordion-plaited akir and guipure bodice.

So far as there is a novelty in ever ing wear, it is the Empire gown's advance in favor. One or two Directory dresses have been made with long straight skirt and short bodice; a piquant addition is a sash tied about the left arm.

A somewhat original evening dress is of cream-yellow lace, draped over with white silk and interrupted both on bodice and skirt by circular bands of strip ed and flowered silk set into the lace which is partly embroidered upon them The guimpe and sleeves are of unline lace, the girdle of rose-pink velvet. ELLEN OSBORN.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The Lowest Dry Land-Skin Eruption From Eye-Strain-Fluorine Not Glass-Eater-Britain's New Gold Mine-Earthquake Sounds - Self-Stopped Trains-A New Propeller Blade-The New System in Typhoid-Cloth Ventilating Pipes.

One of the most remarkable hollows in the earth is the Lukchun depression, discovered a considerable time ago in Central Asia. Results of meteorological observations in the place for two years have just been made known in Russia by General Tillo, and from his barometric comparisons it appears that the lowest spot in the region must be about 400 feet below sea-level. The meteor-clogical conditions are of unusual in-The barometer has a greater yearly range than in any other spot known, the monthly averages for Janu-ary being 1.2 inches greater than those for July, and the highest July temper ature (118 degrees Fahrenheit) is one of the highest observed in Asia. The dry-ness of the air equals that of the Sahars.

A curious case of nettle-rash, due to eye-strain, has been recorded by Dr. C. A. Oliver, a Pennsylvania physician. The patient was an active, healthy wo-The patient was an active, healthy wo-man of forty-seven, who, up to her forty-first year, had suffered from an unaccountable eruption, which disap-peared when she was fitted with a pair of lenses for constant use, to correct defects of her vision. Four years la-ter a return of the eye trouble, with the erupion, led her to seek new glasses. This time there was an elaborate correction of eye defects, and the skin dis-turbnce vanished. Further experiments proved a true relationship between the general vasomotor disturbance and the refractive and muscular anomalies.

The well known powerful action fluorine upon glass is shown by M. Moissan to depend upon the presence of hydrofluoric acid and moisture as impurities. Perfectly clean, dry glass is unattacked after weeks of contact with pure fluorine, but the merest trace of organic matter on the glass leads to the formation of hydrofluoric acid and corrosion.

The eucomia ulmoides, in which Prof Dybowsky has found twenty per cent of gutta percha, isabundant in some of the British colonies, but has been hitherto regarded as a worthless plant.

The sounds of earthquakes have re eived little attention. From a late paper by Dr. C. Davison, it appears that they approach the lower limit of audi-bility, and they are frequently distinct to some observers, while others equally portant; simpler and more artistic designs, it is believed, may soon appear.

A corni-pink straw poke bonnet is a fair representative of its class; it is fair representative of its class; it is friendly an even violent earthquakes are frequently unnoticed by the ear, while sound is seldom heard after the shocktheeping with masses of limp rose. the conclusion being that the Japanese the conclusion being that the Jupanese have interior perception for deep sounds. The character and duration of the sounds vary to different auditors. A deep rumbling, like that of a heavy wagon passing, is generally heard, but at the epicenter of the earthquake loud crashes may be distinguished, which further away become rougher and more grinding, and at a great distance may be subdued into a low and monotonous will like distant thinger, Earth sounds be subdued into a low and monotonous roll, like distant thunder. Earth counds without shocks, appearing to be earth-qualtes too weak to be felt, are some-times heard. Earthquakes are sup-posed by Dr. Davison to be caused by the slipping of rocks along faults, and the sound vibrations are traced chiefly to the margins of the sildes.

In the Laffas system of automatically stopping railway trains to prevent ac-cidents, a block in the middle of the



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track is set by the signal man. The

block has a curved surface, which, when the signal is standing at danger, is so raised that a rod with a little

wheel makes contact and actuates the

valve of the air brake placed either on the engine or on one of the cars. In a recent English test, a train of an engine

and nine cars, with a total weight of 180 tons, was run on a slight downward incline. On touching the block at a speed of twenty miles an hour the train

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A spray of heavy oil added to the fuel

of blast furnaces has been found in

France to facilitate reduction of ore and increase the yield.

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ory that some projection on the blades should give a better grip to the water, F. S. Snowdon and W. J. Orr have fitted two battens on each blade, and in a small craft, tested in New Zealand wa-

ters, the effect of the change has been

lutions of the engine were the same as before the addition of the battens. Two

before the addition of the factors. Two channels are formed by the battens, which are roughly L-shaped, and the water is thus prevented from slipping off in the usual easy way. Sultable setting of the battens tends to throw

the water in toward the center, giving

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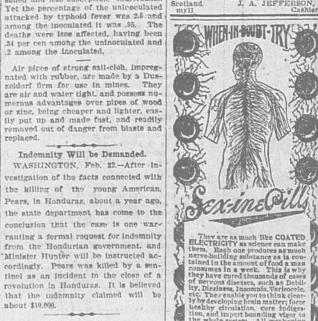
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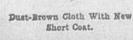
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